

**NOAA Research Council Meeting
March 15, 2004
SSMC III, Rm 11836**

MINUTES

Principals:

Rick Rosen, Chair
Mike Sissenwine, NMFS (phone)
Louis Uccellini, NWS
Gary Matlock, NOS
Richard Fulton, PPI
Steve Manzo, NMAO
Marie Colton, NESDIS

Staff:

Jill Ferguson, SAB
Carl Childs, OAR
Kristen Koch, OAR
Terry Schaefer, OAR
Nicole Le Boeuf, NMFS
Robert Brock, NMFS

Advisors:

Rodney Weiher, PPI
Mike Uhart, SAB

Briefing on the activities of the High Performance Computing Board, Carl Staton

Carl Staton provided a briefing on activities of the High Performance Computing Board (HPCB). Significant issues included the HPC governance and its effect on research. Important considerations included the need to prioritize the use of HPC and issues related to conversion from research to operations. Carl Staton requested that the Research Council permit him to provide a briefing on forthcoming HPCB recommendations in about a month.

Research Definitions Communication Plan development

Information gathering is currently underway. Specific issues such as observing systems and testbeds were discussed.

5-Year Research Plan status

Reports were provided from Goal Team leads and Line Office representatives on the current status of revisions to the 5-year research plan draft. A group consisting of Marie Colton, Rodney Weiher, Rick Rosen, and RC staff was formed to revise the front matter.

ACTION ITEM: Schedule a meeting of the group to discuss revision of the research plan front matter.

A team has been assembled to develop the first draft of the NOAA 20-Year Research Strategy. Length is to be approximately 10 pages. Once the first draft is completed, it will be provided to the RC members for comments and revision.

The identification of external partners for review of the 5-Year Research Plan was discussed.

ACTION ITEM: The chair requested that RC members provide a list of suggested external partners to review the research plan to Terry Schaefer. Lists are due on 3/22/04.

The schedule for the constituent's forum scheduled for April 16 was discussed. The Research cross-cut is scheduled during the afternoon.

NOAA-wide topics for consideration by the SAB, Michael Uhart

It was suggested that the front matter of the next draft of the 5-year research plan be sent to the SAB for comment. The SAB will have an opportunity to review the entire plan in May.

The agenda for the July 2004 SAB meeting is full. New items will need to be scheduled for the meeting in Fall 2004.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Uhart will send out a request for the RC members to provide a list of topics that the SAB should consider.

FY 2007 PPBES Process

The PPBES process for 2007 was discussed. The first step is the Strategic Plan review. The RC is to develop a one-page research strategy for inclusion in the plan. Richard Fulton will serve as a focal point for this activity.

ACTION ITEM: Research input for the Strategic Plan is due April 2.

Next Meeting

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, March 29, 2004

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